(c) whether any RPF personnel have been arrested in this regard, if so, what action Government propose to take against them;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that due to undue influence of the RPF association, no arrest of RPF personnel has been made; and

(f) what action Government propose to take against the RPF association for its undue interference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is reported that 3 RPF personnel deployed on the Chhattisgarh Express had assaulted some passengers on 4.7.2002 and the train was detained at Nagpur by the affected passengers. However, it is reported that no female passenger was assaulted by the said RPF personnel.

(c) and (d) GRP Itwari has registered a case *vide* Crime No. 10/2002 u/s 147, 148, 149, 395, 341, 323 IPC on 5-7-2002 and are making investigation. No arrest has been made so far. GRP will conduct an identification parade to identify the other culprits. Apart from action by police, departmental action is also under way. All the 3 RPF staff escortiny the train have already been suspended.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Funding of railway projects

1148. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank have agreed recently to extend assistance/loan worth Rs. 1500 crores each to the Indian Railways, for their various on-going projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the specific projects to be funded, the time-schedule for completion and their present status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Discussion are being held with the Asian Development Bank for sanction of a loan of US $ 300 million during the current financial year. The details of projects to be funded are under finalisation.

The World Bank has recently approved a loan of US $ 364.9 million for the rail components of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP) Phase-I.

The projects included under rail component of MUTP Phase-I and their status are indicated in the Statement enclosed. (See below). These works are expected to be completed by December, 2007, depending upon the availability of funds.

Rail projects under MUTP

Phase-I

(figures in crores ofRs.)

Name of work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure till 31.3.2002	Physical progress
5th line in Western Railway including flyover modification at Mahim	59.00	Nil	Under sanction
Kuria-Thane 5th & 6th Lines	166.00	93.50	43%
Borivilli-Bhayander: Quadrupling of track	509.00	109.20	22%
Western Railway optimisation-increased train frequency and rake size	50.10	3.80	5%
Central Railway optimisation-increased train frequency and rake size	99.50	17.40	14%
Harbour line optimisation-increased train frequency and rake size	19.70	NH	Nil
DC to AC conversion	380.40	27.80	6%
EMU coach remanufacturing	1359.20	Nil	Bids invited for procurement of new design EMUs & kits.

Name of work	Estimated Cost	Expenditure till 31.3.2002	Physical progress
Resettlement and Rehabilitation	290.00	95.00	10,434 PAPs out of at total of 14,479 have already been shifted in re-gular or transit accommodation. Safety zone, *i.e.* 10 mtrs. from the centre line of the last track has already been cleared.
EMU Maintenance facilities	64.30	Nil	Nil
Stabling lines of EMUs	48.50	Nil	Nil
Procurement of Track Machines	31.30	Nil	Nil
Institutional Strengthening and Technical Assistance	48.20	Nil	Nil
TOTAL	3125.20	346.70	

Obsolete rail tracks

† 1149. DR. A.K. RATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the railway tracks in the country have become obsolete;

(b) if so, their length, State-wise;

(c) the amount likely to be spent State-wise, on replacement of these tracks; and

(d) by when the same are likely to be replaced completely?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRIBANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No. Sir. However, the renewal of track

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.